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Applicant: Jürgen HOFFMANN
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the election requirement of May 10th, 2004, the Applicant elects Figure 1. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, and 26 are generic. All of these generic claims as well as species claims 8, 19, and 22 read on Figure 1.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the election requirement because he believes that there may not be an undue burden in examining both species because an initial search and examination has already been performed.

Respectfully submitted,

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